

HDC Project Description:

Pursuant to Agreement 07A2717 between Jones & Stokes Associates, Inc. (Consultant) and Caltrans, the following Task Order No. **XX** is issued to conduct a cultural resources survey for a section of Alternative 3 along State Route (SR) 138 starting at post mile 48.00.

Caltrans and Metro are proposing a project to construct a new freeway/expressway, and possible toll way, in the High Desert area of Los Angeles and San Bernardino Counties that will extend for a distance of approximately 63 miles between SR-14 in Palmdale and SR-18 in Apple Valley. The project consists of an eight-lane freeway from SR-14 to 50th Street East along an alignment paralleling Avenue P-8 in Palmdale. From 50th Street East to 240th East and continuing to I-15, the project consists of a six-lane facility. East of I-15, the facility curves south until it ends at SR-18 in the Town of Apple Valley at Bear Valley Road. In addition, SR-14 and I-15 will be improved for approximately 3 miles north and south of the intersection with the proposed east-west facility. The exact type of the transportation facility will be determined by traffic analysis.

The alternatives under consideration are as follows:

1. No-Build:

2. Transportation System Management/Transportation Demand Management (TSM/TDM):

3. Freeway/Expressway:

This involves construction of a freeway in some areas and an expressway in others with three variations (A, B, and C).

4. Freeway/Toll Way:

This is an alignment similar to Alternative 3.

5. Avenue P-8 Corridor, SR-138, and SR-18 Improvements:

This is an alignment similar to Alternative 3 between SR-14 and approximately 125th Street East. From 125th Street East, the route would curve south until it joins the existing SR-138. The existing SR-138 and SR-18 would be widened between 146th Street East and I-15.

6. Freeway/Express way with right-of-way for a potential High Speed Rail facility:

This engineering alignment is similar to Alternative 3.

7. Freeway/Toll Way with right-of-way for a potential High Speed Rail facility:

This involves engineering alignment similar to Alternative 3.

8. A hybrid version as a combination of Alternatives 1 thru 7: